

App. No. 10/753898
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Amd. Dated January 7, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended editorially and to incorporate the limitations recited in allowable claim 2. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended editorially. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3 and 4 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 2.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Elder (US 4,242,809). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The rejection is rendered moot, as claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations recited in allowable claim 2. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, John J. Gresens, Reg. No. 33,112, at (612)371.5265.

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